

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

26 February 2020

WARREN MILLS - DROUGHT RELIEF

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend):

A big thank you to Wallsend businessman Warren Mills who has delivered help directly to drought-beleaguered farmers once again. Warren is the managing director of Newcastle Sheetmetal and a big supporter of the Edgeworth Eagles.

He led a campaign to collect provisions and around \$13,000 in donations. This isn't the first time he's done it, either: in 2018, Mr Mills bought \$4000 worth of hay and took it to farmers in the Moree and Wee Waa regions, along with \$6000 to the Moree Drought Muster.

This time his team headed out to Molong, near Orange, to take donations and provisions to properties living with level 5 water restrictions.

Coles Fletcher and All Engineering Services also helped collect donations, including credit cards, clothing, toiletries, nappies, water, groceries and even second-hand soccer boots, and I am pleased to say my office served as a drop off point.

Warren told the Newcastle Herald he was driven to directly help those in need, and that "It was pretty cool going out there and meeting some of the locals. It was a good feeling."